

PREFACE

***“The proponents from the realm of the False Prophet lack in their emphasis on the subjective aspect (Redemption Applied) of the Gospel of the grace of God. These include those who are in the Arminian churches, the pseudo Reformed churches and the Dispensational churches. They lack in 2 senses. One, in that they do not dwell upon it. Their pastors and preachers do not preach on it. While admittedly they preach on the objective aspect, they neglect to touch on the subjective aspect sufficiently. Secondly, they lack in that they have not experienced it. They have not been justified themselves. Justification is a rare experience. Even among the best, the most sanctified company, the people who are justified are very few. ‘For many are called, but few are chosen’ (Matthew 22:14). And that’s why for many of us our mentality is not changed. Why is it that we are afraid to wait? It is simple; we are not justified as yet! In a way, I also feel afraid that God may not save ye all in the end. It may be true. For I felt that when a person is justified, his whole mentality is changed! He then loves spiritual things. He feels that the world is so corrupted and defiled and everything that is really and truly good comes from God. Why spend time in the world? Come home straight to the house of God! That is the mentality of the justified person. But if we think – oh dear, I have so little time, I’ll come to church a little bit later – it is very likely it is because you’re not justified! For a justified person has a transformed life – that’s why it is so experimental! The world holds no more attraction to the affections of the justified but he cares so much about what God thinks of him. If your concept and thinking is like that, then you are probably justified. Justification changes the nature of your inward heart, renews you entirely – all your desires change radically. You seek for the things of God and have a delight to meditate upon the Word of God, to seek for the welfare of God’s people, to sit and talk about the Word of God; and you especially delight to hear preaching. Why? Because you have the inclinations of the justified. Otherwise, you may just be a freak. For you may go to church for many reasons: you may say I like the people there because the people are very kind; I can trust the people in the church because they are trustworthy; my husband is going so I better go along otherwise he’ll divorce me; my parents are going so I go, otherwise they won’t give me allowance. But if you go to church because Christ is the altogether Lovely One, the Desire of all nations, and the Very Desire of your heart, and because there is nothing wiser than the philosophy of God, this is indeed wisdom! But some of us are not honest enough. Our mentality of ‘I still really love the world’ is not changed though we come to church. And still you would not let go the things of the world. You crave for the temporal, transient things, which are subject to decay and obsolescence; secretly you want to go shopping. You go to every shopping mall in every place. You shop all the time. I have shops below my apartment blocks. Some of you visit these shops 10 times in a week though there are only 7 days in a week – you virtually live in the shops! For 18 years I’ve not visited the shops below my house. Why? I have no time! I can’t take my eyes off the Word of God! You ask, ‘Why pastor, why torture yourself?’ I am not torturing myself! I am in the ethereal realm. It’s a changed mindset! I once delighted in scoring goals on the soccer pitch. But now I delight in the Word of God. The only problem is my human infirmities; they limit the scope of my spiritual enjoyment! But we have to be like the blessed man in Psalm 1, which is sung to the strain of Hatikva. We’ll be singing that this Sabbath! I want to come out from the ungodly, from among those who scoff at the Word of God; the ungodly, the sinners and the scorers, even if they are my nearest kinsmen, I am not at home with them at all; I am repulsed by them; I want to come out from the world and I want to delight in the Word of God. Not because I want to be prosperous and to attain something. But because I naturally love these spiritual things! That is caused by God justifying you and the grace of God coming into you. For the people that come to God are the elect of God; because they have grace sovereignly dispensed of God! Either you are a Pharaoh, or a Jacob, or an Abraham. Are you a Pharaoh? For a moment you have a respite from the battle against sin and unbelief. But then you go back to your sin, like the dog going back to its vomit and like the sow to the sty! ‘Don’t take me away from the world,’ you complain! ‘I am a friend of this world!’ In reality you are a friend of the wily serpent that causes you to dilly dally in the world, away from the Word of God; the god of this world (Satan) induces you to crave and covet for the things of this world – you say I rather have my ‘fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick’ (Numbers 11:5b). Some say that Satan is not real. Tell that to some people in this world who are possessed, the devil will laugh in your face. People who say that God is not real, let them first say Satan is not real. You go to the pagan temple, you see the dilated eyes of the temple medium. You see the way he talks – it’s obviously not a human talking. You treacherous bastards! In your unbelief, you say this is epilepsy. I say, ‘God, let these treacherous unbelievers have it, let the beings of Satan’s cohort enter them!’ Many more people are having these so called neurological problems nowadays. Are they psychotic? Is it paranormal? These are Satanic attacks. But a lot of us are in doldrums because we are defiled! You bastards, you love the world and let it defile you! You don’t want to wait upon God to be delivered and cleansed. Your behaviour is very erratic and eccentric. Even the vehicles could be affected by you – every time you drive the vehicle, something happens and you cause irreparable damage. The evil spirits are still flushed upon your bloody face and yet some of you act as though the evil spirits could be rid off easily. You must wait upon God.*”**

Unless the sovereign God be pleased to dispense His grace sovereignly, you cannot be delivered. Yet why should He do that to you? Why should God cause you to wait? You are His enemy, you despise Him and you are at enmity with Him! Excerpts of pastor's extempore exhortation concerning the pastoral, practical, and applicatory problems pertaining to the doctrine of Justification By Faith, at the public prayer meeting held at John Bunyan House, Part 1, Johor, 6 March 2015 AD